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# TEXAS
# Labor Market Review

TEXAS EMPLOYMENT COMMISSION JANUARY 1985 AUSTIN, TEXAS 78778

## UNEMPLOYMENT RISES SLIGHTLY

The addition of 16,600 jobseekers between November and December pushed the actual Texas unemployment rate up from 5.4 to 5.6 percent at mid-December. Unemployment totaled 451,700 in December, while employment rose by 48,200 to a level of 7,597,200 in the actual series. Much of the growth in employment was seasonal, as businesses added workers to help with the Christmas rush. An excess of jobseekers occurred as the number of new jobs created was not sufficient to accommodate all those seeking work.

CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES
(In Thousands)

| | Dec. 1984 | Nov. 1984 | Dec. 1983 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **United States (Actual)** | | | |
| Labor Force | 114,028.0 | 114,115.0 | 111,795.0 |
| Unemployment | 7,978.0 | 7,869.0 | 8,992.0 |
| Percent Unemployed | 7.0 | 6.9 | 8.0 |
| Total Employment | 106,050.0 | 106,246.0 | 102,803.0 |
| **United States (Seasonally Adjusted)** | | | |
| Labor Force | 114,464.0 | 114,026.0 | 112,136.0 |
| Unemployment | 8,191.0 | 8,154.0 | 9,195.0 |
| Percent Unemployed | 7.2 | 7.2 | 8.2 |
| Total Employment | 106,273.0 | 105,872.0 | 102,941.0 |
| **State of Texas (Actual)** | | | |
| Labor Force | 8,048.9 | 7,984.1 | 7,730.7 |
| Unemployment | 415.7 | 435.1 | 548.4 |
| Percent Unemployed | 5.6 | 5.4 | 7.1 |
| Total Employment | 7,597.2 | 7,549.0 | 7,182.3 |
| **State of Texas (Seasonally Adjusted)** | | | |
| Labor Force | 8,078.0 | 7,991.0 | 7,743.0 |
| Unemployment | 498.0 | 454.0 | 597.0 |
| Percent Unemployed | 6.2 | 5.7 | 7.7 |
| Total Employment | 7,580.0 | 7,537.0 | 7,146.0 |

There were close to 100,000 fewer jobless in Texas in December 1984 than there were in December 1983, when unemployment totaled 548,400 and the actual rate was 7.1 percent. In the seasonally adjusted series, the unemployment rate climbed from 5.7 percent in November to 6.2 percent in December, but the current rate was also well below the year-ago 7.7 percent. There was little movement in the National statistics over the month, as the actual rate edged upward from 6.9 percent in November to 7.0 percent in December. The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was unchanged, at 7.2 percent.

## WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT CLIMBS

Seasonal hiring heavily influenced the nonagricultural wage and salary employment over-the-month advance, as over two-thirds of the 32,300 increase was generated by the trade sector. Holiday hiring is generally concentrated in retail trade, and this segment recorded 21,900 additional jobs between November and December. About half of the positions were in general merchandise stores, with the remainder primarily divided between apparel and accessory stores and the other retail trade sector, which includes jewelry and liquor stores and florists. Food stores also reported sizeable growth in December.

The approaching Holidays also generated a large increase in the federal portion of government, as the Post Office added workers to handle the extra mail. Small additions in the state and local sectors pushed the total number of government hires to 2,000 for the month.

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT 1/
TEXAS STANDARD METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

| Industry | Dec. '84* | Nov. '84** | Dec. '83** | Dec. '84* | Nov. '84** | Dec. '83** | Dec. '84* | Nov. '84** | Dec. '83** |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | ABILENE | | | AMARILLO | | | AUSTIN | | |
| TOTAL | 58,500 | 58,000 | 57,700 | 79,400 | 79,600 | 79,100 | 311,100 | 308,700 | 291,300 |
| Manufacturing | 6,000 | 6,000 | 5,700 | 9,200 | 9,200 | 9,500 | 36,600 | 36,500 | 34,200 |
| Mining | 4,000 | 3,900 | 4,200 | 1,900 | 1,900 | 2,000 | 900 | 900 | 800 |
| Construction | 3,000 | 3,000 | 3,000 | 3,800 | 3,700 | 3,700 | 21,600 | 21,300 | 18,400 |
| Trans., Comm., & Util. | 3,100 | 3,100 | 3,200 | 6,500 | 6,500 | 6,500 | 8,200 | 8,100 | 8,100 |
| Trade | 16,000 | 15,300 | 15,500 | 24,200 | 24,400 | 24,200 | 71,600 | 70,400 | 66,800 |
| Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est. | 3,300 | 3,300 | 3,200 | 4,500 | 4,600 | 4,300 | 19,700 | 19,500 | 18,200 |
| Services & Misc. | 13,500 | 13,600 | 13,400 | 14,600 | 14,700 | 14,500 | 63,000 | 63,100 | 58,100 |
| Government | 9,600 | 9,800 | 9,500 | 14,700 | 14,600 | 14,400 | 89,500 | 88,900 | 86,700 |
| | BEAUMONT-PT. A.-ORANGE | | | BROWNS.-HARL.-SAN BENITO | | | BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION | | |
| TOTAL | 141,000 | 140,900 | 141,300 | 63,800 | 62,900 | 63,500 | 48,800 | 48,800 | 46,300 |
| Manufacturing | 30,500 | 30,700 | 31,900 | 10,500 | 10,100 | 10,900 | 3,300 | 3,200 | 3,000 |
| Mining | 2,700 | 2,700 | 2,600 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 1,100 | 1,100 | 1,100 |
| Construction | 8,800 | 9,100 | 9,800 | 3,400 | 3,400 | 3,500 | 3,300 | 3,300 | 3,200 |
| Trans., Comm., & Util. | 11,700 | 11,700 | 11,600 | 3,200 | 3,200 | 3,200 | 1,800 | 1,800 | 1,800 |
| Trade | 35,300 | 34,500 | 33,800 | 18,100 | 17,700 | 17,600 | 10,600 | 10,500 | 10,300 |
| Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est. | 5,600 | 5,600 | 5,500 | 3,100 | 3,100 | 3,100 | 2,000 | 2,000 | 1,900 |
| Services & Misc. | 26,400 | 26,400 | 26,000 | 11,300 | 11,200 | 11,100 | 6,800 | 7,100 | 6,500 |
| Government | 20,000 | 20,200 | 20,100 | 14,100 | 14,100 | 14,000 | 19,900 | 19,800 | 18,500 |
| | CORPUS CHRISTI | | | DALLAS-FORT WORTH 2/ | | | EL PASO | | |
| TOTAL | 131,000 | 130,800 | 127,700 | 1,687.4 | 1,678.2 | 1,621.7 | 169,800 | 169,400 | 165,600 |
| Manufacturing | 14,700 | 14,700 | 14,100 | 323.1 | 317.6 | 312.3 | 38,400 | 38,800 | 36,200 |
| Mining | 7,400 | 7,500 | 7,200 | 28.3 | 28.2 | 28.4 | -- | -- | -- |
| Construction | 10,300 | 10,000 | 9,600 | 102.0 | 103.3 | 98.8 | 9,100 | 9,200 | 8,600 |
| Trans., Comm., & Util. | 7,300 | 7,400 | 7,500 | 100.9 | 100.7 | 98.2 | 9,500 | 9,400 | 9,700 |
| Trade | 33,500 | 33,200 | 32,300 | 457.9 | 454.2 | 445.4 | 42,300 | 41,500 | 40,900 |
| Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est. | 6,400 | 6,400 | 6,400 | 141.1 | 140.9 | 130.7 | 8,000 | 7,900 | 7,800 |
| Services & Misc. | 24,500 | 24,400 | 23,900 | 339.8 | 340.4 | 318.5 | 27,900 | 28,000 | 27,900 |
| Government | 26,900 | 27,200 | 26,700 | 194.3 | 192.9 | 189.4 | 34,600 | 34,600 | 34,500 |
| | GALVESTON-TEXAS CITY | | | HOUSTON 2/ | | | KILLEEN-TEMPLE | | |
| TOTAL | 72,000 | 71,600 | 68,900 | 1,539.7 | 1,534.5 | 1,512.9 | 63,900 | 64,000 | 61,600 |
| Manufacturing | 10,100 | 10,000 | 10,400 | 197.2 | 197.6 | 196.6 | 8,600 | 8,700 | 8,700 |
| Mining | 800 | 800 | 700 | 101.2 | 101.5 | 99.0 | -- | -- | -- |
| Construction | 4,200 | 4,400 | 4,300 | 123.0 | 124.5 | 133.3 | 3,800 | 3,800 | 3,600 |
| Trans., Comm., & Util. | 6,000 | 5,900 | 6,100 | 106.4 | 106.7 | 103.5 | 3,100 | 3,200 | 3,000 |
| Trade | 12,500 | 12,400 | 12,800 | 379.7 | 374.0 | 373.7 | 15,700 | 15,600 | 14,900 |
| Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est. | 4,600 | 4,500 | 4,500 | 111.2 | 111.1 | 105.2 | 2,600 | 2,600 | 2,400 |
| Services & Misc. | 11,400 | 11,500 | 10,200 | 334.9 | 333.4 | 318.8 | 11,500 | 11,500 | 11,100 |
| Government | 22,400 | 22,300 | 19,900 | 186.1 | 185.7 | 182.8 | 18,600 | 18,600 | 17,900 |

2/ In Thousands

Despite the uncertainty concerning oil prices, the oil and gas extraction portion of mining contributed 1,700 new hires between November and December. This sector has created over 10,000 jobs during the past year, but it now seems unlikely that it will regain in the near future the additional 50,000 positions lost since employment peaked in January 1982 at 324,200.

The seasonal surge in air travel pushed employment up in transportation by air and the transport of goods also accelerated in December, creating an additional 600 jobs in transportation and public utilities. A smaller advance was noted in electric, gas and sanitary services, for a total increase of 900 jobs. Finance, insurance and real estate continued to register moderate growth, with 600 new jobs in December. The increases were confined to banking and the other finance, insurance and real estate portion, which contributed equal parts of the advance.

Two major nonmanufacturing industry groups recorded cutbacks in December -- construction and services. Following a gain of 1,100 jobs in November, employers in construction cut 1,600 positions in December. At least a portion of the losses were due to inclement weather curtailing outdoor activities, while the only segments which recorded any monthly gains were heavy contractors (except highways) and masonry and concrete contractors. Most residential and office building activity was at a standstill.

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT 1/
TEXAS STANDARD METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

| Industry | Dec.'84* | Nov.'84** | Dec.'83** | Dec.'84* | Nov.'84** | Dec.'83** | Dec.'84* | Nov.'84** | Dec.'83** |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | LAREDO | | | LONGVIEW-MARSHALL | | | LUBBOCK | | |
| TOTAL | 31,500 | 31,100 | 30,100 | 67,900 | 67,400 | 67,700 | 94,500 | 94,200 | 91,700 |
| Manufacturing | 1,900 | 1,900 | 1,900 | 14,900 | 15,000 | 14,600 | 9,500 | 9,500 | 9,700 |
| Mining | 1,500 | 1,500 | 1,100 | 4,700 | 4,700 | 4,900 | 500 | 500 | 500 |
| Construction | 1,000 | 1,100 | 1,400 | 4,700 | 4,600 | 4,700 | 4,300 | 4,400 | 4,100 |
| Trans., Comm., & Util. | 3,500 | 3,400 | 3,200 | 3,600 | 3,600 | 3,700 | 5,100 | 5,100 | 4,900 |
| Trade | 9,700 | 9,500 | 9,100 | 17,500 | 17,300 | 17,600 | 28,300 | 28,000 | 27,000 |
| Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est. | 1,600 | 1,600 | 1,300 | 2,900 | 2,800 | 2,800 | 5,400 | 5,400 | 5,200 |
| Services & Misc. | 5,000 | 4,900 | 4,800 | 11,000 | 10,900 | 11,100 | 19,500 | 19,500 | 19,000 |
| Government | 7,300 | 7,200 | 7,300 | 8,600 | 8,500 | 8,300 | 21,900 | 21,800 | 21,300 |
| | MCALLEN-PHARR-EDINBURG | | | MIDLAND | | | ODESSA | | |
| TOTAL | 80,700 | 79,700 | 80,800 | 60,100 | 59,200 | 54,000 | 61,800 | 60,800 | 56,800 |
| Manufacturing | 10,700 | 10,700 | 10,800 | 4,000 | 4,100 | 3,800 | 5,800 | 5,800 | 6,100 |
| Mining | 1,500 | 1,500 | 1,400 | 13,300 | 13,200 | 12,300 | 8,700 | 8,700 | 8,900 |
| Construction | 4,800 | 4,900 | 5,300 | 3,600 | 3,600 | 3,500 | 5,000 | 4,800 | 4,600 |
| Trans., Comm., & Util. | 2,700 | 2,600 | 2,600 | 3,000 | 2,900 | 2,900 | 3,000 | 3,000 | 2,900 |
| Trade | 25,800 | 24,900 | 26,300 | 14,800 | 14,600 | 13,200 | 19,800 | 19,100 | 16,500 |
| Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est. | 3,300 | 3,300 | 3,300 | 4,100 | 4,000 | 3,800 | 2,300 | 2,300 | 2,300 |
| Services & Misc. | 11,700 | 11,700 | 11,100 | 10,700 | 10,600 | 9,100 | 9,600 | 9,500 | 8,400 |
| Government | 20,200 | 20,100 | 20,000 | 6,600 | 6,200 | 5,400 | 7,600 | 7,600 | 7,100 |
| | SAN ANGELO | | | SAN ANTONIO | | | SHERMAN-DENISON | | |
| TOTAL | 39,000 | 38,700 | 37,500 | 465,200 | 462,500 | 444,900 | 34,700 | 35,000 | 34,600 |
| Manufacturing | 5,600 | 5,500 | 5,600 | 51,100 | 51,300 | 49,600 | 11,200 | 11,700 | 11,400 |
| Mining | 800 | 800 | 800 | 3,700 | 3,700 | 3,500 | 200 | 200 | 200 |
| Construction | 2,400 | 2,400 | 2,300 | 32,300 | 32,500 | 31,200 | 1,300 | 1,300 | 1,300 |
| Trans., Comm., & Util. | 3,800 | 3,700 | 3,700 | 18,500 | 18,600 | 18,400 | 2,100 | 2,100 | 2,200 |
| Trade | 10,300 | 10,100 | 9,200 | 124,800 | 122,300 | 115,200 | 7,500 | 7,300 | 7,100 |
| Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est. | 1,700 | 1,700 | 1,600 | 33,400 | 33,300 | 32,000 | 1,400 | 1,400 | 1,300 |
| Services & Misc. | 7,600 | 7,600 | 7,500 | 100,000 | 99,400 | 95,000 | 6,100 | 6,100 | 6,300 |
| Government | 6,800 | 6,900 | 6,800 | 101,400 | 101,400 | 100,000 | 4,900 | 4,900 | 4,800 |
| | TEXARKANA | | | TYLER | | | VICTORIA 3/ | | |
| TOTAL | 48,300 | 48,300 | 46,200 | 58,800 | 58,500 | 58,100 | 28,400 | 28,300 | 28,200 |
| Manufacturing | 9,300 | 9,300 | 8,600 | 12,400 | 12,300 | 11,800 | 2,900 | 2,900 | 3,000 |
| Mining | 100 | 100 | 100 | 2,800 | 2,800 | 3,100 | 2,400 | 2,400 | 2,600 |
| Construction | 1,800 | 1,900 | 1,700 | 2,400 | 2,400 | 2,500 | 2,200 | 2,300 | 2,300 |
| Trans., Comm., & Util. | 1,700 | 1,700 | 2,000 | 2,800 | 2,800 | 2,800 | 1,500 | 1,500 | 1,500 |
| Trade | 11,500 | 11,200 | 11,000 | 15,200 | 14,900 | 14,900 | 7,800 | 7,600 | 7,800 |
| Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est. | 1,700 | 1,700 | 1,700 | 3,200 | 3,200 | 3,200 | 1,800 | 1,800 | 1,600 |
| Services & Misc. | 9,000 | 9,200 | 8,300 | 11,800 | 11,900 | 11,700 | 5,500 | 5,500 | 5,200 |
| Government | 13,200 | 13,200 | 12,800 | 8,200 | 8,200 | 8,100 | 4,300 | 4,300 | 4,200 |
| | WACO | | | WICHITA FALLS | | | | | |
| TOTAL | 78,600 | 78,300 | 75,500 | 54,400 | 54,000 | 53,800 | | | |
| Manufacturing | 15,600 | 15,600 | 15,500 | 9,700 | 9,600 | 9,100 | | | |
| Mining | -- | -- | -- | 3,200 | 3,200 | 3,300 | | | |
| Construction | 4,100 | 4,200 | 3,900 | 2,200 | 2,100 | 2,200 | | | |
| Trans., Comm., & Util. | 3,400 | 3,400 | 3,200 | 2,900 | 2,900 | 2,800 | | | |
| Trade | 20,600 | 20,400 | 19,300 | 13,800 | 13,600 | 13,700 | | | |
| Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est. | 4,700 | 4,700 | 4,600 | 2,500 | 2,500 | 2,500 | | | |
| Services & Misc. | 18,200 | 18,100 | 17,300 | 9,400 | 9,400 | 9,300 | | | |
| Government | 12,000 | 11,900 | 11,700 | 10,700 | 10,700 | 10,900 | | | |

1/ All estimates (except Victoria) prepared by TEC in cooperation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U. S. Department of Labor.
* Preliminary -- subject to revision. **Revised.
3/ Estimates for the Victoria MSA are sponsored by TEC.

The over-the-month decline of 1,200 in services was primarily seasonal in nature, as the break between semesters at private educational institutions cut 1,300 positions. Smaller decreases occurred in amusement, including motion pictures, and in health services. An increase of 500 in business and repair services as temporary help was hired for the Holidays, combined with a smaller gain in hotels and other lodging places, had little moderating effect on the larger losses.

Manufacturing employment climbed by 7,000 over the month, with growth in both the durable and nondurable goods sectors. Most of the 5,900 increase in durable goods, however, was the result of workers returning following the settlement of a labor-management dispute in the aircraft and parts portion of transportation equipment. A few other durable goods industries registered more modest advances in December.

The past two months' acceleration in oil and gas activities generated an increase of 300 in the oilfield machinery portion of nonelectrical machinery. This, along with

# TEXAS NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY ESTIMATES 1/

| Industry | Dec. 1984 | Nov. 1984 | Dec. 1983 | Change From Nov. 1984 | Change From Dec. 1983 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT± | 6,444,700 | 6,412,400 | 6,281,900 | 32,300 | 162,800 |
| Manufacturing | 995,600 | 988,600 | 972,300 | 7,000 | 23,300 |
| Durable Goods | 576,200 | 570,300 | 554,800 | 5,900 | 21,400 |
| Lumber & Wood Products | 40,000 | 40,100 | 41,000 | -100 | -1,000 |
| Logging Camps, Sawmills, Planing Mills | 7,200 | 7,200 | 7,600 | 0 | -400 |
| Furniture & Fixtures | 18,100 | 18,200 | 17,300 | -100 | 800 |
| Stone, Clay & Glass Products | 47,600 | 47,500 | 46,900 | 100 | 700 |
| Concrete, Gypsum & Plaster Products | 23,000 | 22,900 | 21,700 | 100 | 1,300 |
| Primary Metal Industries | 35,400 | 35,600 | 33,900 | -200 | 1,500 |
| Fabricated Metal Industries | 82,400 | 82,700 | 80,000 | -300 | 2,400 |
| Fabricated Structural Metal Products | 44,700 | 45,000 | 43,900 | -300 | 800 |
| Machinery, Except Electrical | 138,400 | 137,500 | 130,700 | 900 | 7,700 |
| Oil Field Machinery | 46,600 | 46,300 | 41,500 | 300 | 5,100 |
| Electric & Electronic Equipment | 105,400 | 104,900 | 98,500 | 500 | 6,900 |
| Transportation Equipment | 73,900 | 68,800 | 72,200 | 5,100 | 1,700 |
| Aircraft & Parts | 37,800 | 32,800 | 37,300 | 5,000 | 500 |
| Instruments & Related Products | 22,800 | 22,800 | 22,200 | 0 | 600 |
| Miscellaneous Manufacturing Industries | 12,200 | 12,200 | 12,100 | 0 | 100 |
| Nondurable Goods | 419,400 | 418,300 | 417,500 | 1,100 | 1,900 |
| Food & Kindred Products | 101,500 | 100,500 | 99,000 | 1,000 | 2,500 |
| Meat Products | 24,700 | 25,400 | 24,700 | -700 | 0 |
| Dairy Products | 4,900 | 5,000 | 4,900 | -100 | 0 |
| Bakery Products | 14,500 | 14,000 | 12,800 | 500 | 1,700 |
| Malt Beverages | 3,200 | 3,300 | 3,400 | -100 | -200 |
| Textile Mill Products | 4,800 | 4,800 | 4,800 | 0 | 0 |
| Apparel & Other Finished Textile Products | 59,500 | 59,200 | 60,900 | 300 | -1,400 |
| Paper & Allied Products | 22,200 | 22,300 | 22,100 | -100 | 100 |
| Printing & Publishing | 72,400 | 72,300 | 70,300 | 100 | 2,100 |
| Newspaper, Periodicals, Books & Misc. Publ. | 36,000 | 36,000 | 35,500 | 0 | 500 |
| Chemicals & Allied Products | 76,300 | 76,500 | 76,800 | -200 | -500 |
| Petroleum & Coal Products | 42,200 | 42,200 | 43,500 | 0 | -1,300 |
| Petroleum Refining | 39,000 | 39,000 | 40,300 | 0 | -1,300 |
| Leather & Leather Products | 8,000 | 8,000 | 8,600 | 0 | -600 |
| Other Nondurable Goods | 32,500 | 32,500 | 31,500 | 0 | 1,000 |
| Total Nonmanufacturing | 5,449,100 | 5,423,800 | 5,309,600 | 25,300 | 139,500 |
| Mining | 274,200 | 272,600 | 263,600 | 1,600 | 10,600 |
| Oil & Gas Extraction | 264,200 | 262,500 | 253,900 | 1,700 | 10,300 |
| Metal & Coal & Nonmet. Mnrls., Exc. Fuel | 10,000 | 10,100 | 9,700 | -100 | 300 |
| Construction | 400,000 | 401,200 | 413,600 | -1,200 | -13,600 |
| Transportation & Public Utilities | 384,000 | 383,100 | 377,200 | 900 | 6,800 |
| Railroad Transportation | 24,800 | 24,800 | 24,800 | 0 | 0 |
| Transportation, Except Railroads | 185,100 | 184,500 | 176,800 | 600 | 8,300 |
| Transportation by Air | 35,200 | 34,800 | 35,200 | 400 | 0 |
| Communication, Exc. U. S. Postal Service | 96,400 | 96,400 | 96,800 | 0 | -400 |
| Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services | 77,700 | 77,400 | 78,800 | 300 | -1,100 |
| Electric Services | 43,900 | 43,700 | 44,000 | 200 | -100 |
| Gas Production & Distribution | 28,400 | 28,300 | 29,600 | 100 | -1,200 |
| Wholesale & Retail Trade | 1,634,900 | 1,612,300 | 1,604,800 | 22,600 | 30,100 |
| Wholesale Trade | 444,700 | 444,000 | 436,500 | 700 | 8,200 |
| Retail Trade | 1,190,200 | 1,168,300 | 1,168,300 | 21,900 | 21,900 |
| Building Materials & Garden Supplies | 53,700 | 53,900 | 52,600 | -200 | 1,100 |
| General Merchandise Stores | 162,200 | 151,600 | 161,800 | 10,600 | 400 |
| Food Stores | 213,900 | 212,200 | 204,800 | 1,700 | 9,100 |
| Automotive Dealers & Service Stations | 133,500 | 133,400 | 131,000 | 100 | 2,500 |
| Apparel & Accessory Stores | 84,200 | 79,200 | 86,000 | 5,000 | -1,800 |
| Other Retail Trade | 542,700 | 538,000 | 532,100 | 4,700 | 10,600 |
| Finance, Insurance & Real Estate | 407,100 | 406,500 | 397,700 | 600 | 9,400 |
| Banking | 104,100 | 103,800 | 102,600 | 300 | 1,500 |
| Insurance Carriers, Agents & Brokers | 124,800 | 124,800 | 122,800 | 0 | 2,000 |
| Other Finance, Insurance & Real Estate | 178,200 | 177,900 | 172,300 | 300 | 5,900 |
| Services | 1,245,300 | 1,246,500 | 1,194,900 | -1,200 | 50,400 |
| Hotels & Other Lodging Places | 77,700 | 77,500 | 75,200 | 200 | 2,500 |
| Personal Services | 77,800 | 77,900 | 72,500 | -100 | 5,300 |
| Business & Repair Services | 337,300 | 336,800 | 313,700 | 500 | 23,600 |
| Amusement, Including Motion Pictures | 54,500 | 54,700 | 50,600 | -200 | 3,900 |
| Health Services | 343,700 | 343,900 | 340,100 | -200 | 3,600 |
| Educational Services | 66,900 | 68,200 | 63,800 | -1,300 | 3,100 |
| Other Services & Miscellaneous | 287,400 | 287,500 | 279,000 | -100 | 8,400 |
| Total Government | 1,103,600 | 1,101,600 | 1,057,800 | 2,000 | 45,800 |
| Total Federal Government | 186,100 | 184,600 | 178,600 | 1,500 | 7,500 |
| Total State Government | 230,300 | 230,000 | 221,100 | 300 | 9,200 |
| Total Local Government | 687,200 | 687,000 | 658,100 | 200 | 29,100 |

1/ Estimated number of nonagricultural jobs in Texas without reference to place of residence of workers. ±Estimates of TEC in cooperation with Bureau of Labor Statistics and Employment & Training Administration, U. S. Department of Labor.

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CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES 1/
TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

| | Dec.'84* | Nov.'84** | Dec.'83** | Dec.'84* | Nov.'84** | Dec.'83** | Dec.'84* | Nov.'84** | Dec.'83** |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | ABILENE | | | AMARILLO | | | AUSTIN | | |
| Total Civilian Labor Force | 79,000 | 78,300 | 77,900 | 102,900 | 102,700 | 101,400 | 364,100 | 360,600 | 335,300 |
| Total Unemployment | 2,700 | 2,800 | 4,400 | 4,800 | 4,700 | 6,400 | 11,100 | 10,700 | 14,000 |
| Percent Unemployed | 3.4 | 3.6 | 5.6 | 4.7 | 4.6 | 6.3 | 3.0 | 3.0 | 4.2 |
| Total Employment 2/ | 76,300 | 75,500 | 73,500 | 98,100 | 98,000 | 95,000 | 353,000 | 349,900 | 321,300 |
| | BEAUMONT-PT. A.-ORANGE | | | BROWNS.-HARL.-SAN BENITO | | | BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION | | |
| Total Civilian Labor Force | 179,200 | 179,500 | 179,900 | 93,500 | 93,100 | 93,300 | 60,000 | 59,800 | 55,800 |
| Total Unemployment | 18,700 | 18,900 | 23,200 | 11,500 | 12,100 | 13,800 | 2,100 | 1,900 | 2,200 |
| Percent Unemployed | 10.4 | 10.5 | 12.9 | 12.3 | 13.0 | 14.8 | 3.5 | 3.2 | 3.9 |
| Total Employment 2/ | 160,500 | 160,600 | 156,700 | 82,000 | 81,000 | 79,500 | 57,900 | 57,900 | 53,600 |
| | CORPUS CHRISTI | | | DALLAS-FORT WORTH 3/ | | | EL PASO | | |
| Total Civilian Labor Force | 169,200 | 167,700 | 165,000 | 1,950.6 | 1,931.5 | 1,841.3 | 205,900 | 205,900 | 198,800 |
| Total Unemployment | 12,500 | 12,200 | 16,800 | 68.3 | 63.6 | 81.6 | 20,200 | 20,800 | 22,800 |
| Percent Unemployed | 7.4 | 7.3 | 10.2 | 3.5 | 3.3 | 4.4 | 9.8 | 10.1 | 11.5 |
| Total Employment 2/ | 156,700 | 155,500 | 148,200 | 1,882.3 | 1,867.9 | 1,759.7 | 185,700 | 185,100 | 176,000 |
| | GALVESTON-TEXAS CITY | | | HOUSTON 3/ | | | KILLEEN-TEMPLE | | |
| Total Civilian Labor Force | 96,700 | 96,700 | 91,700 | 1,805.2 | 1,796.5 | 1,763.1 | 79,300 | 78,600 | 74,700 |
| Total Unemployment | 9,000 | 9,000 | 9,500 | 105.5 | 106.2 | 140.5 | 4,100 | 3,900 | 4,300 |
| Percent Unemployed | 9.3 | 9.3 | 10.4 | 5.8 | 5.9 | 8.0 | 5.2 | 5.0 | 5.8 |
| Total Employment 2/ | 87,700 | 87,700 | 82,200 | 1,699.7 | 1,690.3 | 1,622.6 | 75,200 | 74,700 | 70,400 |
| | LAREDO | | | LONGVIEW-MARSHALL | | | LUBBOCK | | |
| Total Civilian Labor Force | 39,600 | 38,900 | 39,900 | 80,300 | 79,600 | 80,500 | 118,900 | 117,100 | 115,300 |
| Total Unemployment | 6,100 | 5,800 | 8,700 | 6,100 | 5,700 | 8,400 | 5,700 | 4,900 | 8,500 |
| Percent Unemployed | 15.4 | 14.9 | 21.8 | 7.6 | 7.2 | 10.4 | 4.8 | 4.2 | 7.4 |
| Total Employment 2/ | 33,500 | 33,100 | 31,200 | 74,200 | 73,900 | 72,100 | 113,200 | 112,200 | 106,800 |
| | MCALLEN-PHARR-EDINBURG | | | MIDLAND | | | ODFSSA | | |
| Total Civilian Labor Force | 124,800 | 123,800 | 122,500 | 76,500 | 75,400 | 68,300 | 81,100 | 79,700 | 74,600 |
| Total Unemployment | 26,000 | 26,100 | 22,800 | 2,400 | 2,400 | 3,400 | 3,100 | 3,300 | 5,200 |
| Percent Unemployed | 20.8 | 21.1 | 18.6 | 3.1 | 3.2 | 5.0 | 3.8 | 4.1 | 7.0 |
| Total Employment 2/ | 98,800 | 97,700 | 99,700 | 74,100 | 73,000 | 64,900 | 78,000 | 76,400 | 69,400 |
| | SAN ANGELO | | | SAN ANTONIO | | | SHERMAN-DENISON | | |
| Total Civilian Labor Force | 52,600 | 52,300 | 51,000 | 547,700 | 542,000 | 515,200 | 42,000 | 41,500 | 40,500 |
| Total Unemployment | 2,000 | 1,800 | 2,900 | 26,500 | 24,000 | 29,300 | 2,500 | 2,200 | 2,800 |
| Percent Unemployed | 3.8 | 3.4 | 5.7 | 4.8 | 4.4 | 5.7 | 6.0 | 5.3 | 6.9 |
| Total Employment 2/ | 50,600 | 50,500 | 48,100 | 521,200 | 518,000 | 485,900 | 39,500 | 39,300 | 37,700 |
| | TEXARKANA | | | TYLER | | | VICTORIA | | |
| Total Civilian Labor Force | 54,000 | 54,200 | 52,000 | 81,400 | 80,100 | 80,200 | 37,500 | 37,200 | 37,700 |
| Total Unemployment | 4,100 | 4,100 | 4,500 | 4,400 | 3,600 | 6,000 | 1,900 | 1,900 | 3,200 |
| Percent Unemployed | 7.6 | 7.5 | 8.7 | 5.4 | 4.5 | 7.5 | 5.1 | 5.1 | 8.5 |
| Total Employment 2/ | 49,900 | 50,100 | 47,500 | 77,000 | 76,500 | 74,200 | 35,600 | 35,300 | 34,500 |
| | WACO | | | WICHITA FALLS | | | STATE OF TEXAS 3/ | | |
| Total Civilian Labor Force | 97,300 | 96,400 | 92,400 | 70,800 | 70,200 | 69,000 | 8,048.9 | 7984.1 | 7,730.7 |
| Total Unemployment | 4,800 | 4,100 | 5,100 | 3,200 | 3,200 | 4,100 | 451.7 | 435.1 | 548.4 |
| Percent Unemployed | 4.9 | 4.3 | 5.5 | 4.5 | 4.6 | 5.9 | 5.6 | 5.4 | 7.1 |
| Total Employment 2/ | 92,500 | 92,300 | 87,300 | 67,600 | 67,000 | 64,900 | 7,597.2 | 7549.0 | 7,182.3 |

1/ All estimates shown are "actual" (not seasonally adjusted).
2/ Includes resident wage and salary workers, self-employed, unpaid family workers and domestics in private households, agricultural workers, and workers involved in labor-management disputes.
3/ In Thousands.
*Preliminary -- subject to revision. **Revised.

## HOURS AND EARNINGS IN TEXAS*

| | Average Weekly Earnings | | | Average Weekly Hours | | | Average Hourly Earnings | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Dec.± 1984 | Nov. 1984 | Dec. 1983 | Dec.± 1984 | Nov. 1984 | Dec. 1983 | Dec.± 1984 | Nov. 1984 | Dec. 1983 |
| **FOR TEXAS** | | | | | | | | | |
| MANUFACTURING TOTAL | $378.22 | $381.06 | $379.61 | 41.7 | 41.6 | 41.9 | $ 9.07 | $ 9.16 | $ 9.06 |
| Durable Goods | 382.89 | 376.68 | 369.51 | 41.8 | 41.9 | 41.8 | 9.16 | 8.99 | 8.84 |
| Lumber & Wood Products | 257.94 | 260.15 | 254.70 | 39.5 | 39.9 | 40.3 | 6.53 | 6.52 | 6.32 |
| Furniture & Fixtures | 232.85 | 241.20 | 226.01 | 39.2 | 40.2 | 38.9 | 5.94 | 6.00 | 5.81 |
| Stone, Clay & Glass Prods. | 379.31 | 376.70 | 361.12 | 43.8 | 43.6 | 43.3 | 8.66 | 8.64 | 8.34 |
| Primary Metal Industries | 418.91 | 408.95 | 391.25 | 41.6 | 41.1 | 39.6 | 10.07 | 9.95 | 9.88 |
| Fabricated Metal Products | 363.21 | 353.83 | 365.56 | 41.7 | 41.0 | 41.4 | 8.71 | 8.63 | 8.83 |
| Machinery, exc. Electric | 399.59 | 398.47 | 374.50 | 42.6 | 42.8 | 42.8 | 9.38 | 9.31 | 8.75 |
| Oil Field Machinery | 487.97 | 494.13 | 471.59 | 44.2 | 45.5 | 44.7 | 11.04 | 10.86 | 10.55 |
| Electric & Electronic Equip. | 404.21 | 412.48 | 371.28 | 41.8 | 42.7 | 40.4 | 9.67 | 9.66 | 9.19 |
| Transportation Equipment | 502.18 | 491.07 | 518.87 | 42.2 | 41.9 | 44.5 | 11.90 | 11.72 | 11.66 |
| Instruments & Related Prod. | 303.38 | 299.41 | 315.87 | 39.4 | 39.5 | 40.6 | 7.70 | 7.58 | 7.78 |
| Misc. Manufacturing Inds. | 288.97 | 280.48 | 293.45 | 41.4 | 41.8 | 41.1 | 6.98 | 6.71 | 7.14 |
| Nondurable Goods | 373.50 | 386.04 | 392.70 | 41.5 | 41.2 | 42.0 | 9.00 | 9.37 | 9.35 |
| Food & Kindred Products | 348.00 | 343.26 | 344.00 | 43.5 | 42.8 | 43.6 | 8.00 | 8.02 | 7.89 |
| Meat Products | 274.45 | 275.63 | 291.06 | 41.9 | 42.8 | 42.0 | 6.55 | 6.44 | 6.93 |
| Malt Beverages | 728.18 | 759.82 | 656.42 | 46.0 | 47.4 | 43.5 | 15.83 | 16.03 | 15.09 |
| Textile Mill Products | 284.01 | 273.98 | 270.26 | 42.2 | 41.2 | 41.9 | 6.73 | 6.65 | 6.45 |
| Apparel & Other Text. Prods. | 194.43 | 199.29 | 183.38 | 38.5 | 39.0 | 37.5 | 5.05 | 5.11 | 4.89 |
| Paper & Allied Products | 433.73 | 427.98 | 436.69 | 43.2 | 43.1 | 45.3 | 10.04 | 9.93 | 9.64 |
| Printing & Publishing | 366.20 | 355.29 | 352.51 | 41.1 | 40.1 | 40.8 | 8.91 | 8.86 | 8.64 |
| Chemicals & Allied Products | 606.05 | 608.27 | 602.62 | 42.8 | 42.3 | 42.8 | 14.16 | 14.38 | 14.08 |
| Petroleum & Coal Products | 544.88 | 561.18 | 655.79 | 39.2 | 39.8 | 44.4 | 13.90 | 14.10 | 14.77 |
| Petroleum Refining | 560.30 | 576.44 | 671.77 | 39.1 | 39.7 | 44.4 | 14.33 | 14.52 | 15.13 |
| Leather & Leather Products | 187.07 | 200.75 | 202.84 | 34.2 | 36.5 | 35.9 | 5.47 | 5.50 | 5.65 |
| Other Nondurable Goods | 372.73 | 361.18 | 370.96 | 42.5 | 41.9 | 43.9 | 8.77 | 8.62 | 8.45 |
| NONMANUFACTURING | | | | | | | | | |
| Mining | 499.72 | 497.72 | 478.58 | 46.1 | 46.0 | 46.6 | 10.84 | 10.82 | 10.27 |
| Oil & Gas Extraction | 502.95 | 500.94 | 483.81 | 46.1 | 46.0 | 46.7 | 10.91 | 10.89 | 10.36 |
| Met/Coal/Nonmet Mnrls. exc. Fuel | 436.62 | 420.42 | 375.54 | 46.4 | 45.5 | 45.3 | 9.41 | 9.24 | 8.29 |
| Commun., exc. U. S. Postal Service | 463.08 | 458.54 | 428.68 | 40.8 | 40.4 | 38.9 | 11.35 | 11.35 | 11.02 |
| Elec., Gas & San. Services | 451.36 | 440.00 | 433.63 | 40.3 | 40.0 | 42.1 | 11.20 | 11.00 | 10.30 |
| Wholesale & Retail Trade | 233.93 | 231.52 | 238.92 | 34.1 | 33.7 | 35.5 | 6.86 | 6.87 | 6.73 |
| Wholesale Trade | 376.00 | 368.00 | 362.60 | 40.3 | 40.0 | 40.2 | 9.33 | 9.20 | 9.02 |
| Retail Trade | 185.60 | 184.54 | 195.36 | 32.0 | 31.6 | 33.8 | 5.80 | 5.84 | 5.78 |
| General Merchandise Stores | 165.85 | 157.05 | 192.65 | 30.1 | 29.3 | 34.9 | 5.51 | 5.36 | 5.52 |
| Banking | 273.64 | 258.80 | 255.50 | 39.6 | 38.8 | 40.3 | 6.91 | 6.67 | 6.34 |

## HOURS AND EARNINGS FOR SELECTED TEXAS STANDARD METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

| | | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| DALLAS-FORT WORTH | | | | | | | | | |
| Manufacturing | $373.57 | $364.32 | $373.69 | 41.6 | 41.4 | 41.8 | $ 8.98 | $ 8.80 | $ 8.94 |
| Durable Goods | 388.96 | 375.65 | 391.02 | 41.6 | 41.1 | 42.0 | 9.35 | 9.14 | 9.31 |
| Nondurable Goods | 339.44 | 340.59 | 336.17 | 41.7 | 42.1 | 41.4 | 8.14 | 8.09 | 8.12 |
| HOUSTON | | | | | | | | | |
| Manufacturing | 495.29 | 490.39 | 473.06 | 44.5 | 44.1 | 43.4 | 11.13 | 11.12 | 10.90 |
| Durable Goods | 440.30 | 437.08 | 407.55 | 44.7 | 44.6 | 42.9 | 9.85 | 9.80 | 9.50 |
| Nondurable Goods | 569.74 | 561.17 | 554.46 | 44.2 | 43.3 | 43.9 | 12.89 | 12.96 | 12.63 |
| SAN ANTONIO | | | | | | | | | |
| Manufacturing | 280.98 | 282.08 | 273.98 | 40.9 | 41.0 | 41.2 | 6.87 | 6.88 | 6.65 |
| Durable Goods | 303.54 | 305.41 | 293.76 | 42.1 | 42.3 | 41.2 | 7.21 | 7.22 | 7.13 |
| Nondurable Goods | 258.45 | 258.45 | 254.82 | 39.7 | 39.7 | 41.3 | 6.51 | 6.51 | 6.17 |

*Figures for Texas and selected areas cover Production Workers in Manufacturing and Mining Industries only and Nonsupervisory Employees in other industry divisions. Earnings' averages include premium pay for overtime, holidays, and for late-shift work. ±Preliminary -- subject to revision upon receipt of additional reports.

SOURCE: Texas Employment Commission in cooperation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor.

gains in the other sectors of the industry, pushed employment up by 900 in nonelectrical machinery. An increase in orders received brought a smaller advance in electric and electronic equipment.

The largest downturn in durable goods occurred in fabricated metal products. Apparently, the increased activity in oil and gas has not been sufficient to produce additions in this industry. Smaller gains and losses were intermixed among the remaining durable goods sectors.

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The strength of seasonal increases in food and kindred products was the primary force behind the gain of 1,100 jobs over the month in nondurable goods. Temporary help hired for the Christmas rush in bakery products pushed employment up in that sector by 500, while other sectors also showed growth. Labor-management disputes in the meat products segment dropped this sector by 700 jobs, offsetting the other increases somewhat. The only other sizeable advance in nondurable goods was recorded in apparel and other finished textile products as workers returned following seasonal layoffs.

## HOURS, EARNINGS DROP

There were an estimated 667,800 manufacturing production workers in Texas at mid-December, up 5,700 from the November estimate of 662,100. In December, the average Texas manufacturing production worker was earning $9.07 an hour for a 41.7-hour week, averaging $378.22 per week. Average hours worked rose 0.1 hour from November but were 0.2 hour below the year-ago average. Hourly earnings were down just 1¢ over the month, but had risen only 1¢ from the December 1983 average. Fairly large declines in several nondurable goods segments were primarily responsible for holding down both hours and earnings over the month.

QUARTERLY UI BENEFITS PAID BY MSA
Fourth Quarter
October-December 1984

| | |
|---|---|
| Abilene | $ 754,370 |
| Amarillo | 1,843,932 |
| Austin | 2,099,971 |
| Beaumont-Port Arthur-Orange | 9,105,949 |
| Brownsville-Harlingen-San Benito | 3,480,053 |
| Bryan-College Station | 578,197 |
| Corpus Christi | 4,472,196 |
| Dallas-Fort Worth | 17,444,565 |
| El Paso | 6,613,448 |
| Galveston-Texas City | 3,958,459 |
| Houston | 42,963,562 |
| Killeen-Temple | 817,170 |
| Laredo | 1,487,693 |
| Longview-Marshall | 2,197,461 |
| Lubbock | 1,087,887 |
| McAllen-Pharr-Edinburg | 6,313,301 |
| Midland | 688,470 |
| Odessa | 1,009,371 |
| San Angelo | 459,153 |
| San Antonio | 5,538,915 |
| Sherman-Denison | 695,733 |
| Texarkana (Bowie Co. only) | 680,304 |
| Tyler | 1,305,242 |
| Victoria | 536,796 |
| Waco | 1,558,036 |
| Wichita Falls | 841,666 |

TEC ACTIVITIES

| | Dec. 1984 | Dec. 1983 |
|---|---|---|
| Total Population | 16,512,300 | 15,888,500 |
| % UI Covered Unemployment | 1.5 | 1.9 |
| UI Covered Employers | 300,995 | 295,468 |
| Total Claims Actions | 449,884 | 577,158 |
| Total Initial Claims Actions | 60,864 | 72,564 |
| Total Cont'd. Claims Actions | 389,020 | 504,594 |
| Avg. Weekly Benefit Amount | $135.72 | $135.35 |
| Total Amount Paid (Net)* | $44,341,287 | $61,885,658 |
| Total Placements | 29,953** | 30,577 |

*Includes amounts paid in regular State UI benefits.
**Preliminary.